

Requirements for Tuberculosis Approved Feedlots

1. A TB approved feedlot will consist of an entire facility for the purpose of feeding cattle and/or bison with no provisions for pasturing or grazing and allowing no contact with animals that may be pastured or grazed.
2. Any premises registered as a TB approved feedlot will have a premise identification number assigned by the State Animal Health Official, which is unique to the TB approved feedlot operation.
3. A TB approved feedlot will include a perimeter fence constructed in such a manner to prevent any animals from exiting the facility. Periodic inspections will ensure that the fencing is maintained and repaired as necessary and that conspicuous signs indicating the facility is restricted must be posted in all locations of possible access.
4. A TB approved feedlot will maintain physical separation from all other nonrestricted cattle or bison in different groups with a minimum barrier of two fences constructed at least 30 feet apart. A lane or alley may be used to establish this separation provided that cattle are not fed, watered, or maintained within the area.
5. A TB approved feedlot will not have any common or shared handling facilities or equipment, common watering or feeding equipment, and no common feed vehicles with any other cattle or bison management operation. Also, if personnel work both in the TB approved feedlot and with other cattle or bison management operations, the workers must wear different outerwear (e.g., boots and coveralls) when moving between herds.
6. All waste from an TB approved feedlot (manure, soiled bedding, gutter scrapings, etc.) is handled in such a manner as to prevent exposure of animals not maintained in the TB approved feedlot. All drainage from the TB approved feedlot must not flow toward premises where nonrestricted livestock are kept.
7. Cleaning and disinfection will be performed by the owner/operator, unless exempted by the Designated TB Epidemiologist (DTE). Feed and water troughs will be cleaned and disinfected between each lot in a pen. Pens will be cleaned and disinfected after removal of any known exposed or infected animals in the lot.
8. The premises will be cleaned and disinfected upon termination of designation as a TB approved feedlot. Regulatory personnel will inspect, verify, and report to the DTE that cleaning and disinfection has been accomplished before repopulation of the premises with unrestricted cattle or bison may occur.
9. Only cattle and bison are maintained on the premises of an TB approved feedlot. Working dogs and horses will be permitted on the premises to work the cattle

and bison. However, working dogs and horses must not be housed in the same pens as the cattle or bison.

10. All cattle or bison entering and/or leaving an TB approved feedlot are officially identified with traceability to the animal's most recent herd of residence (reference 9 CFR, part 77.2 for definition of 'herd').

11. All cattle or bison entering an TB approved feedlot are only moved directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment as defined in 9 CFR, part 78.1, or directly to another TB approved feedlot with the prior permission of the Chief State Animal Health Official.

12. Animals that die while in an TB approved feedlot must be recorded in feedlot records. Records of deaths will include, as a minimum, all known identification, official or otherwise, and the date the animal was noted as dead.

13. Any animals that are born while in a TB approved feedlot will be officially identified within 30 days of birth. The official identification applied, along with birth date, breed, and sex of the animal, will be reported to regulatory authorities. Additionally, any animals born while in a TB approved feedlot may only be moved directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment as defined in 9 CFR, Part 78.1, or directly to another TB approved feedlot with the prior permission of the Chief State Animal Health Official as described above.

14. The TB approved feedlot will maintain records of all movements of animals into or out of the facility. These records must ensure traceability of any animal that is in, or has gone through the TB approved feedlot, back to the animal's herd of birth and/or origin. These records must be available to regulatory personnel at any time during regular business hours or upon special request. All records must be maintained for a minimum of 5 years after the animal has left the TB approved feedlot.

15. The TB approved feedlots are to be inspected before approval and at least two times annually thereafter by regulatory personnel.